

## **Historic Preservation Commission Minutes**

The Historic Preservation Commission held its July meeting on July 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present: Monte Burstad, Ryland Erdman, Josh Risler, Melissa Kneeland and Tim Dotseth. Also present: Darrek Orwig and Kim Gerth.

The minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission were approved as presented. (Ryland Erdman motion and Josh Risler 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Public Comments: A letter was read from Sandy Haesley, long-time resident, expressing her disappointment with the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission in approving the design that was presented for the proposed hotel at the 125/149 Main Street location. She had concerns with the Historic integrity of the proposed hotel. Discussion with the group followed with Melissa Kneeland and Tim Dotseth agreeing. Tim Dotseth talked of two other communities in Wisconsin that, in his opinion, have protected the History of their communities. He had brochures for the communities of Shellsburg and Galena which he shared. A question was posed as to what the real job of the Historic Preservation Commission is and how should this purpose be handled by the commission members. Ryland Erdman asked if there was training available for commission members to better assist new businesses that come to town. Monte Burstad would like to see guidelines put into place requiring plans and ideas be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission in a more timely fashion. Darrek Orwig spoke about the availability to secure a WEDC/Wisconsin Main Street program speaker willing to come to Menomonie to present information regarding historic guidelines and ordinances, in addition to providing training to the review board. Darrek will touch base with this speaker and email Historic Preservation Commission Members with potential dates for the presentation.

There was (1) one Certificates of Appropriateness presented for consideration. The application is for the addition of tan and brown accent colors to the new front of the building. See attached. Ryland Erdman made a motion to approve with the condition that Monte Burstad presents the color information to the Commission when a final decision is made. Melissa Kneeland 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Josh Risler requested the Commission have tangible copies available of acceptable "Historic colors". Colors are available online and through partial color palette books available in paint stores. Will explore having a tangible book of color cards for the commission

Discussion regarding the colors at 327 Main Street (Kaleidoscope); do they comply with Historic Colors? Monte Burstad will contact City attorney for determination as to who enforces Historic Preservation rules, is there a standard form letter and what are the penalties for non-compliance.

Melissa Kneeland made a motion to adjourn; Tim Dotseth 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on August 8, 2016 at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.